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REMARKS

The present Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Entry of this Amendment and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 4, 7-21 and 22-24 are pending in the application. Claim 4 is allowable. Claim 11 has been objected to.

Applicant requests that claims 7-10 and 12-21 be canceled without prejudice. In making this request for cancellation without prejudice, Applicant reserves all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Entry of an amendment to claim 11 and new claims 22-24 is being requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claim 4 is allowable. Examiner further stated that claim 11 would be allowable if written in independent form, including the limitations of claim 10.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of claim 10 and claim 7, from which claim 10 depends. Applicant respectfully asserts that this amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 11. Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to claim 11 add no new matter.

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NEW CLAIMS

New claim 22 is dependent from independent claim 4, which is allowable, and includes additional limitations to further define the claimed subject matter. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 22 is likewise patentable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allows claim 22.

New claims 23-24 are dependent from independent claim 11, which is allowable, and include additional limitations to further define the claimed subject matter. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 23-24 are likewise patentable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allows claims 23-24.

Applicant respectfully asserts that no new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8, 9, 11 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 Second Paragraph, because for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject which the Applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 8, 9 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice, and therefore these rejections are now moot.

Since claim 11 has been amended to be written in independent form, the rejection of this claim is now moot.

Applicant respectfully asserts that these amendments render claim 11 proper under 35 USC 112 and request that the rejections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 7-10 and 12-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by, or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b), as being obvious over Mathauser.

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As claims 7-10 and 12-21 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 7, 8, 12-15, 17, 18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by, or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b), as being obvious over Martens.

As claims 7-10 and 12-21 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Martens in view of Taylor.

As claims 7-10 and 12-21 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Swanson in view of Mathauser.

As claims 7-10 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

CONCLUSION

At least for the reasons set out above, pending claims 4, 11, and 22-24 are deemed to be allowable. Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the

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prosecution of this Application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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